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1. WORKING GROUP MET AM MARCH 7 AND DISCUSSED PARAS 131-137 OF SECT STUDY. USSR LED OFF WORKING GROUP MEETING BY SUPPORTING POLISH POSITION ON INCREASING NUMBER OF SECT PERSONNEL ON SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS (REFTEL). POLAND ASKED FOR HALT TO EXPANSION OF UN BUDGET AND SUGGESTED THAT 5TH COMMITTEE MOVE TOWARD REQUIRING 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE AND USING CONSENSUS PROCEDURES.

2. BELGIUM SUPPORTED US/UK POSITIONS (REFTEL) ON NECESSITY TO HAVE LONG-TERM PERSONNEL IN SECT TO ENSURE TRULY INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE. US AGREED WITH POLAND THAT MEASURE OF RESTRAINT IS ESSENTIAL IN BUDGETARY MATTERS BUT THEN REITERATED SUPPORT OF LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR SECT PERSONNEL. ON PARA 133, POLAND SPOKE AGAINST REMOVING WORDS "PEACE-LOVING- AS REQUIREMENT FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. COLOMBIA DISAGREED, SAYING THESE WORDS SUBJECT ENTRY OF STATE INTO UN TO SUBJECTIVE POLITICAL FACTORS.

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USSR STATED THAT JUST AS MEMBERSHIP CANNOT BE VIEWED AS DUTY OR OBLIGATION OF ANY INDEPENDENT STATE, THERE IS NO OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF THE UN TO ACCEPT ANY STATE THAT APPLIES. US NOTED THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF STATES HAD REFUSED EVEN TO SUPPORT DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION FOR AD-MISSION OF AT LEAST ONE NATION MEMBER OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES BECAUSE OF ODD CRITERIA, SUCH AS WHETHER OR NOT

ANOTHER STATE IS APPLYING AT THE SAME TIME. US REP FURTHER ASKED HOW SOME STATES CAN ADVOCATE DELETION OF "PEACE-LOVING" AS CRITERION OF MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE OF THEIR STATED BELIEF IN UNIVERSALITY AND THEN TURN AROUND AND SUPPORT EXPULSION PROVISIONS.

3. WORKING GROUP THEN ADJOURNED, AND PLENARY BEGAN. MEXICO CALLED FOR CHAIRMAN'S RULING THAT MEXICAN LIST (L.12) BE ANNEXED TO COMITE REPORT TO GA AND SAID THOSE WHO OPPOSED ANNEXATION WERE TRYING TO BOYCOTT OR BLOCK GA MANDATE. COLOMBIA SUPPORTED MEXICO, SAYING L.12 REFLECTS WISHES AND INTERESTS OF MANY DELEGATIONS WHICH RELATE TO CHARTER. VENEZUELA SPOKE IN FAVOR OF ANNEXATION OF L.12, CALLING IT BEST POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR LATER DISCUSSION OF WHAT SHOULD BE AND WHAT SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED IN CHARTER.

4. UK DEL (FIFOOT) DELIVERED LOW-KEY BUT STRONG ATTACK ON ANNEXATION. HE NOTED THAT ENTIRE DOCUMENT WAS NOT PREPARED OR ACRIBED TO BY 16 OR 17 DELEGATIONS BUT THAT ONLY PART I SEEMED TO HAVE CO-SPONSORS, WHILE PARTS II AND III SEEMED TO CONTAIN PROPOSALS OF INDIVIDUAL STATES. HE DENIED THAT OPPOSITION TO ANNEXATION IMPLIED BLOCKING OF GA MANDATE; ON THE CONTRARY, L.12 WAS MERELY A COMPENDIUM OF PROPOSALS BY CERTAIN DELEGATIONS AND NOT EXPRESSION OF COMITE VIEWS AS REQUIRED BY THE MANDATE. HE COUNTERED THAT COMITE HAS NOT REACHED LISTING STAGE OF 1(C) OF MANDATE AND L.12 SEEKS TO PRE-EMPT THAT STAGE. HE SAID THAT COMITE ITSELF MUST MAKE LIST AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD REACH COMPROMISE AS TO WAY THAT VIEWS IN L.12 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAN BE EXPRESSED FAIRLY AND PROPERLY.

5. TUNISIA AGREED THERE WERE SOME SHORTCOMINGS IN L.12 BUT SUPPORTED ANNEXATION. YUGOSLAV DEL DENIED THAT ANNEXATION OF L.12 WOULD PRE-EMPT WORK OF COMITE AND SAID THAT PROPOSALS THERE-IN DO NOT -PRE-JUDGE POSITIONS OF ANY DELEGATION. HE STATED THAT ANY DELEGATION COULD MAKE THEIR OWN PROPOSALS AND ANNEX THEM TO REPORT. CZECHOSLOVAKIA RETORTED THAT SINCE PROPOSALS IN L.1W ARE NOT NEW, IT IS NOT USEFUL TO REPUBLISH THEM; MOREOVER, L.12 CONTRADICTS GA RESOLUTION REQUIRING COMITE TO MAKE A LIST. PHILIPPINES SUPPORTED ANNEXATION.

6. USSR SAID COMITE HAD OBLIGATION TO STUDY ALL PROPOSALS THAT WERE SUBMITTED WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE L.12, BUT SINCE L. 12 IS OBVIOUSLY NOT MANDATED LIST, IT CANNOT BE ANNEXED TO COMITE REPORT. USSR DEL CONTINUED THAT SUBSTANCE OF L.12 HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN COMITE AND THAT MEXICAN DELEGATE (GONZALEZ-GALVEZ) SAID WHEN HE INTRODUCED IT

THAT HE DIDN'T INTEND TO DISCUSS IT UNTIL NEXT YEAR.
SOV CONCLUDED BY CATEGORICALLY OBJECTING TO VIOLATION OF RIGHTS
OF NON-CO-SPONSORS AND VIOLATION OF GA DECISIONS
REPRESENTED BY ANNEXATION.

7. PLENARY ADJOURNED UNTIL AM MARCH 8.
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